

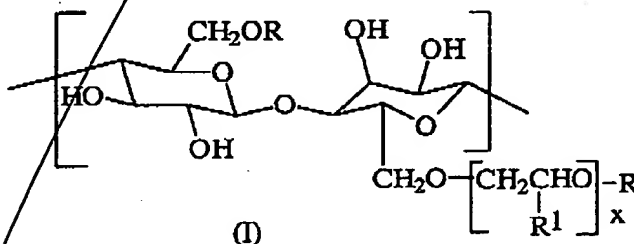
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A laundry detergent composition which imparts fabric appearance benefits selected from pill/fuzz reduction, antifading, improved abrasion resistance and/or enhanced softness to fabrics and textiles laundered in aqueous washing solutions formed therefrom, which composition comprises:

- A) from about 1% to 80% by weight of a deterative surfactant;
- B) from about 0.1% to 80% by weight of an a non-phosphorus organic or inorganic detergency builder wherein said organic detergency builder is a phosphate salt, which is member selected from the group consisting of zeolite, zeolite plus carbonate, zeolite plus silicate, an alkali metal[,] salt of a polyhydroxy sulfonate, or of a carboxylate or polycarboxylate builder selected from the group consisting of nitrilotriacetic acid, oxydisuccinic acid, mellitic acid, a benzene polycarboxylic acid, citric acid, a polyacetal carboxylate, or and mixtures of said non-phosphorus builders;
- C) from about 0.1% to 8% by weight of a modified cellulose ether fabric treatment agent selected from the group consisting of:
- i) hydrophobically-modified, nonionic cellulose ethers which have a molecular weight of from about 10,000 to 2,000,000 and which have repeating substituted anhydroglucose units corresponding to the general formula:



wherein:

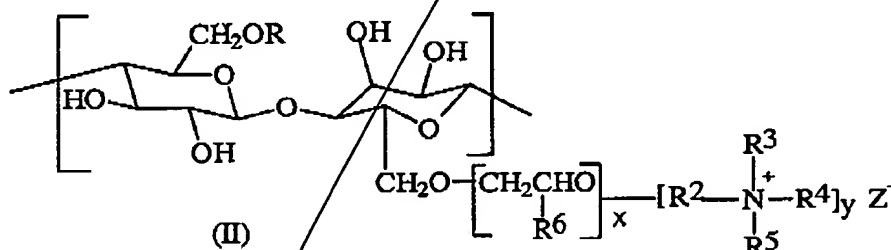
R is a combination of H and C₈-C₂₄ with alkyl substitution of the anhydroglucose rings ranging in an amount of from about 0.1% to 5% by weight of the cellulose ether material;

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x ranges from about 1 to 20;

- ii) cationic quaternary ammonium cellulose ethers which have a molecular weight of from about 10,000 to 2,000,000 and which have repeating substituted anhydroglucose units corresponding to the general formula:



wherein:

R is H or C₈₋₂₄, with alkyl substitution of the anhydroglucose rings ranging in an amount of from about 0.1% to 5% by weight of the cellulose ether material;

R₂ is CH₂CHOHCH₂ or C₈₋₂₄ alkyl;

R₃, R₄ and R₅ are each, independently, methyl, ethyl or phenyl;

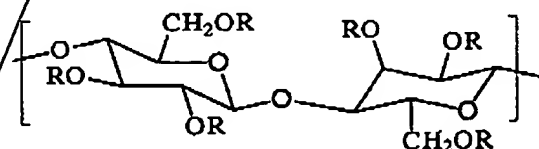
R₆ is H or methyl;

x ranges from about 1 to 20;

y ranges from about 0.005 to 0.5; and

Z is Cl⁻ or Br⁻;

- iii) anionic cellulose ethers which have a molecular weight of from about 10,000 to 2,000,000 and which have repeating substituted anhydroglucose units corresponding to the general formula:



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wherein:

R is a combination of H and a) CH_2COOA , and, optionally, b) C_{2-24} alkyl, with alkyl substitution of the anhydroglucose rings ranging in an amount of from about 0.1% to 5% by weight of the cellulose ether material, and with the degree of carboxymethyl substitution of the anhydroglucose rings ranging from about 0.05 to 2.5; and wherein A is Na or K; and

iv) combinations of said nonionic, cationic and anionic cellulose ethers.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A composition according to Claim 1 wherein

A) the deterative surfactant comprises from about 5% to 50% by weight and is selected from anionic and nonionic surfactant materials; and

~~B) the detergency builder comprises from about 10% to 50% by weight and is selected from carboxylates, silicates, aluminosilicates, carbonates, borates and combinations thereof; and~~

C) B) the modified cellulose ether fabric treatment agent comprises from about 0.5% to 4% by weight of the composition and has a molecular weight ranging from 10,000 to 1,000,000.

Claim 3. (original): A composition according to Claim 2 wherein the modified cellulose ether fabric treatment agent is a hydrophobically-modified, nonionic material corresponding to Structural Formula No. I wherein

- a) R is a combination of H and C_8 to C_{16} alkyl;
- b) R substitution of the anhydroglucose rings ranges from about 0.2% to 2% by weight of the cellulose ether;
- c) R^1 is H; and
- d) x ranges from about 1 to 10.

Claim 4 (cancel)

Claim 5 (withdrawn)

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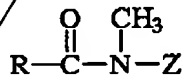
Claim 6 (withdrawn)

Claim 7 (withdrawn)

Claim 8 (withdrawn)

Claim 9 (currently amended): A composition according to Claim 2 in liquid form which comprises

- a) from about 5% to 50% by weight of a deterative surfactant selected from
- sodium, potassium and ammonium alkylsulfates wherein the alkyl group contains from 10 to 22 carbon atoms;
 - sodium, potassium and ammonium alkylpolyethoxylate sulfates wherein the alkyl group contains from 10 to 22 carbon atoms and the polyethoxylate chain contains from 1 to 15 ethylene oxide moieties;
 - polyhydroxy fatty acid amides of the formula



wherein R is a C₉₋₁₇ alkyl or alkenyl and Z is glycetyl derived from a reduced sugar or alkoxyated derivatives thereof;

- iv) alcohol ethoxylates of the formula R¹(OC₂H₄)_nOH wherein R¹ is a C₁₀-C₁₆ alkyl group or a C₈-C₁₂ alkyl phenyl group and n is from about 3 to 80; and
- v) combinations of these surfactants; and
- b) from about 1% to 10% by weight of a detergent builder component selected from said carboxylate and polycarboxylate builders.

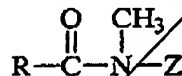
Claim 10 (currently amended): A composition according to Claim 2 in granular form which comprises

- a) from about 5% to 50% by weight of a deterative surfactant selected from
- sodium and potassium alkylpolyethoxylate sulfates wherein the alkyl group contains from 10 to 22 carbon atoms and the polyethoxylate chain contains from 1 to 15 ethylene oxide moieties;
 - sodium and potassium C₉ to C₁₅ alkyl benzene sulfonates;

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iv) polyhydroxy fatty acid amides of the formula

wherein R is a C₉₋₁₇ alkyl or alkenyl and Z is glycetyl derived from a reduced sugar or alkoxylated derivatives thereof; and

v) combinations of these surfactants; and

b) from about 1% to 50% by weight of a detergent builder selected from the group consisting of sodium carbonate, sodium silicate, crystalline layered silicates, aluminosilicates, zeolite, zeolite plus carbonate, zeolite plus silicate oxydisuccinates, and citrates and mixtures thereof.

Claim 11 (withdrawn)